

In re Appln. of ONODERA et al.
Application No. Unassigned

ABSTRACT AMENDMENTS

Replace the Abstract with:

A moving handrail superior in durability ~~is provided. The moving handrail for a passenger~~ includes a linear belt of which two end portions are connected, forming a loop. This linear belt ~~is composed of~~ includes a single-layer or multilayer of thermoplastic elastomer ~~of having a~~ C-shape in cross section; metallic and web-shaped metal stretch inhibitors disposed along a longitudinal direction of the thermoplastic elastomer₁, and base members coupled inside of the thermoplastic elastomer. The thermoplastic elastomer, metal stretch inhibitor₁ and base member are integrally molded. In the connection portion, a splice junction between the metal stretch inhibitors and a joint where the base members are connected together at both end portions with ~~the use of an auxiliary backing are disposed so as to~~ do not overlap in a direction of thickness of the moving handrail. Further, the metal stretch inhibitors ~~having been~~ that are spliced are enclosed with a thermoplastic elastomer.